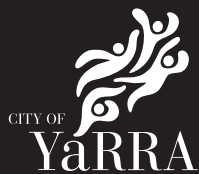


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Community Activity Guide

2026



Your guide to local programs and activities for all ages

Whether you want to try a new activity, join an interest group, volunteer, meet people or get active – there's something for you. Most activities are free or low cost.



See what's
on at our Libraries,
Neighbourhood houses
and learning centres,
Leisure Centres
and more.



Find activities
specifically for families
and children, young people,
older people and people
with a disability.

Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra.

We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra. We pay our respects to Elders from all nations and to their Elders past and present.

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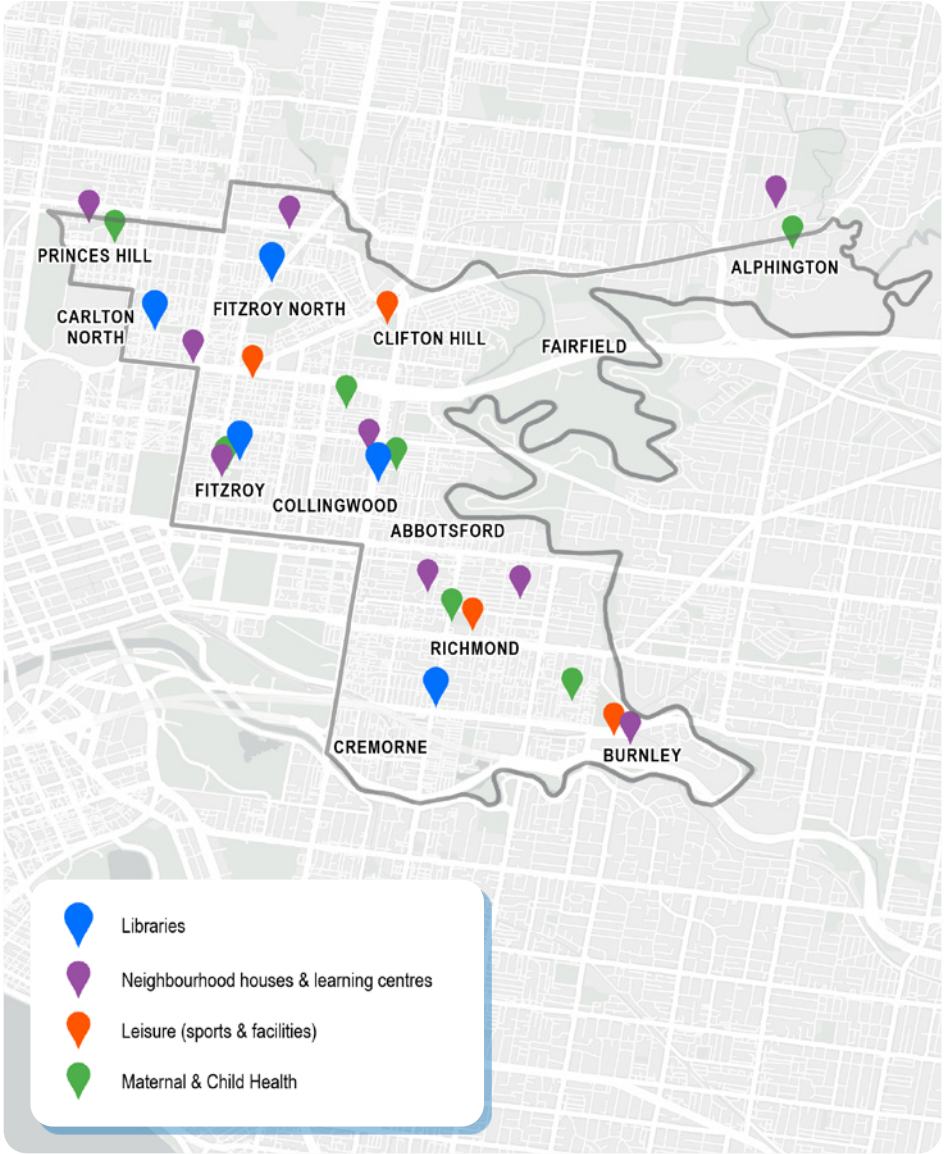
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Find what's happening in your area



Volunteer

Volunteering is a great way to get involved in your community. Our volunteers play an important role in successfully delivering programs, services and events.

Visit our website to find out more about the many different volunteering opportunities available to you in Yarra. Scan the QR code to learn more.



Libraries

Yarra's libraries offer a huge range of free activities and programs. There's something for everyone:

- Weekly / regular activities including book clubs, and children's activities such as Rhymetime, Babytime
- Chatty Café sessions where you can grab a coffee and have a chat
- Spaces to study, work, read, relax or meet others – North Fitzroy Library even has a rooftop garden
- Events such as films, author talks, Collage Club and Sewing Club
- Books and resources such as newspapers, magazines, community language, new fiction and non-fiction
- Technology and support including free public Wi-Fi, loan iPads, gaming consoles, and Digital Help sessions.

Each library offers slightly different activities and services. Have a chat with your librarian to find out what's on in our five library branches:

- Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library
- Carlton Library
- Collingwood Library
- Fitzroy Library
- Richmond Library

Scan the QR code for more information.



Can't get to the library?

Our Home Library service offers free delivery. Scan here to learn more.



Neighbourhood houses

Neighbourhood houses offer a wide range of low-cost or free activities and programs. Some are tailored to specific interests or life stages, while many are open to everyone.

Types of activities you might find:

- Low-cost exercise classes such as Pilates, tai chi and strength training
- Social activities such as cards, table tennis and scrabble
- Music programs, including community choirs
- English language classes and opportunities to practice a foreign language, such as French and German
- Repair Cafés, where you can get help fixing broken items
- Food and drink options, including lunch drop-ins and coffee carts
- Men's and Women's Sheds, where people of all ages and backgrounds can work on projects at their own pace

Programs change each term. To see what's on, check in with any of the 9 neighbourhood houses in Yarra:

- Alphington
- Carlton
- Collingwood
- Fitzroy (Fitzroy Learning Network)
- North Carlton
- Fitzroy North: Holden Street
- Richmond: Richmond, Finbar and Belgium Avenue

Scan the QR code to find out more.



Community gardens

Joining a community garden is a great way to connect with your local community, grow fresh food, learn and share skills and spend time in nature.

Check out a community garden in your neighbourhood:

- Alphington Neighbourhood House
- Ballam Ballam - Carlton North
- Burnley Backyard
- Condell Growers and Sharers - Fitzroy
- Finbar Neighbourhood House
- Railway Garden - Princes Hill
- Rushall Community Garden

Please scan the QR code for more information.



Cultivating Community

Community gardens on Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) land are managed by Cultivating Community and tended by the residents.

Please scan the QR code for more information.



Parks, reserves and playgrounds

Yarra's parks, reserves and playgrounds are a great way to get outside and to connect with nature and the community. To find a park near you scan the QR code.



Get active

Whether you visit on a casual basis or become a member, our leisure centres offer a broad range of activities programs for different ages, life stages and groups. These are the types of activities you'll find at our leisure centres:

- A women's only space within the gym where you can workout
- Parents and Prams exercise classes
- Move for Life exercise classes for older adults
- QueerFit exercise classes
- Youth memberships
- Access all abilities gym and strength classes

To find out what's on, visit a leisure centre:

- Collingwood Leisure Centre
- Collingwood Estate Gym
- Fitzroy Swimming Pool
- Richmond Recreation Centre

Each centre will have a different mix of activities and programs. Please scan the QR code for more information.



Physical activity directory

To find other ways to get active, or to find a sports group, search our physical activity directory via this QR code.



Burnley Golf Course

Burnley Golf Course is great for beginners and experienced golfers. Open to casual visitors and members. Please scan the QR code for more information.



Activities for families and children

Playgroups

Playgroups are a great way to connect with other parents or carers. We have lots of different types of playgroups in Yarra. If you can't find one that suits you, you can also start your own.

To find out more, contact Yarra's playgroup team on **playgroups@yarracity.vic.gov.au** or scan the QR code.



Parenting Information and Support Service

This service runs in-person and online information sessions, at lunchtimes or early evening, to help you become a confident parent or carer. If you are feeling worried, not sleeping well or want some parenting advice, parent support services can help.

Find out more by scanning the QR code.



Maternal and Child Health Nurses

This service offers free developmental and growth assessments for children from birth through to school age. If you are not already connected with a MCH nurse or need some additional support, scan the QR code, contact the MCH booking line by calling **9205 5599** or email **mchbookings@yarracity.vic.gov.au**



The Venny's Cubbies Fitzroy Adventure Playground

Join a supervised communal backyard and playground with free drop-in play sessions, girls' group and boys' group. Programs run during term time, school holidays and in the evening. Contact the Cubbies by calling **9376 0589** or email **info@thevenny.org.au** to find out more.

Connie Benn Centre

Connie Benn is an integrated and inclusive centre for children 0-12 and their families living in Fitzroy. Activities include early literacy programs, a toy library, parent activity groups, cooking, craft, health and wellbeing, speech pathology, legal services, meeting rooms, pathway and referrals.



To find out more, scan the QR code, call **9426 1500** or email **cbcbadmin@bsl.org.au**

Libraries

Our libraries have a range of activities and programs for families and children. From baby time, rhyme time and family storytime, through to school holiday activities. Libraries are also a great space to read with your child or to meet a friend. There's more information on our libraries on page 7. Visit your library to see what's on.



Activities for young people

Across Yarra there are many places young people can go to hang out with friends or meet other people.

Youth Programs

Yarra Youth Programs run a range of free programs and activities every school term. Activities range from unleashing your creativity as a DJ or songwriter to getting expert help to nail a job application.



Drop in to see what's on in Fitzroy and Richmond.
For more information, call **9205 5555** or scan the QR code.

The Drum

The Drum Youth Services offer welcoming, safe, and inclusive programs for young people, such as creative activities, recreational activities, girls club, drop-in program. Contact the Drummond Street Services on **9663 6733** or email **youthservices@ds.org.au**



Visit the Drum at either 253 Hoddle Street, Collingwood or 110 Elizabeth Street, Richmond. Scan the QR code to find out more.

Our libraries (see page 7) and neighbourhood houses (see page 8) have a range of activities and programs specifically for younger people.

Youth leisure membership

Our leisure centres now offer a youth membership for people aged 12-24. Find out more about the Yarra Youth membership by scanning the QR code, or visit your nearest leisure centre.



Need some extra support?

Yarra's Youth Support program provides free short-medium term support to young people aged 12-25. Support can include outreach, information and referrals, and advocacy to navigate challenges in areas including mental and physical health, disability, housing, alcohol and other drug use, family and peer relationships, education, legal and financial stress.

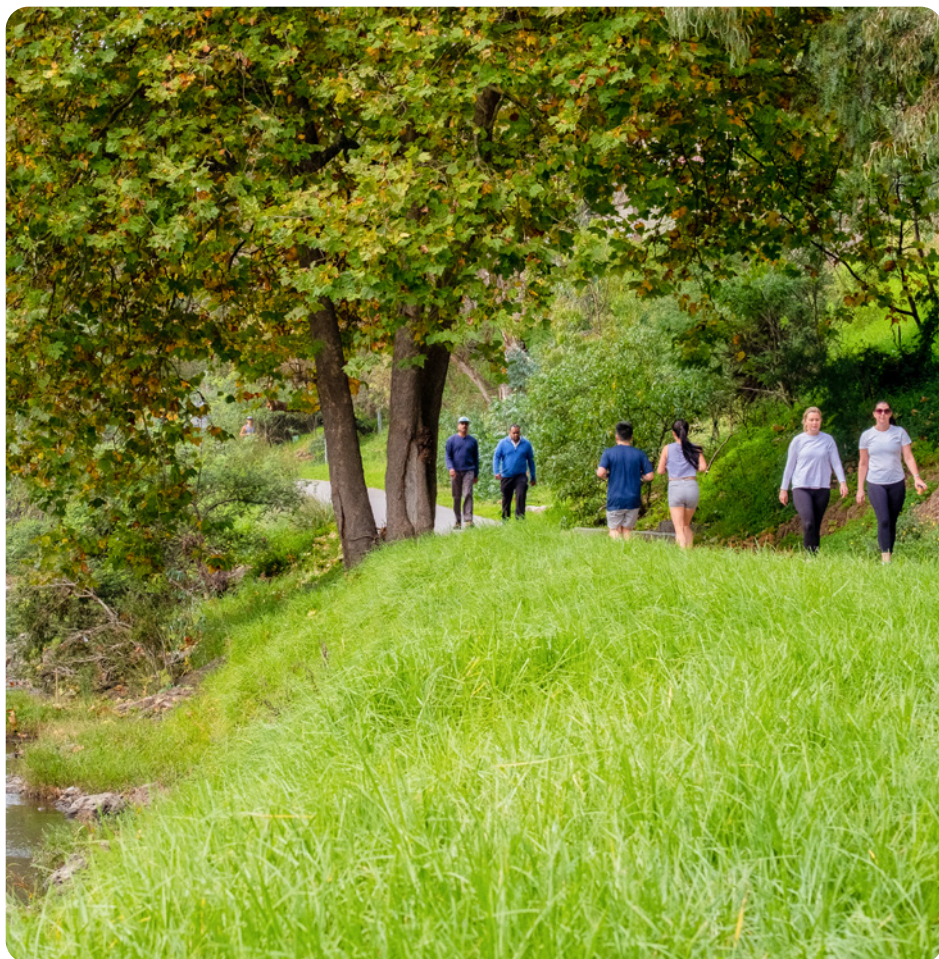
The Youth Support Program runs weekdays 9am to 5pm.

Call **9426 1455** or email **youthsupport@yarracity.vic.gov.au**

Activities for carers

Monthly Carer Walks

Take some time out for yourself and connect with other carers in a relaxing, monthly walk along the beautiful Yarra River. After the walk enjoy a complimentary coffee and friendly conversation. Find out more by scanning the QR code.



Activities for older people

Across Yarra there are many places and programs for older people looking to try something new or to meet other people.

Dancing from the Heart

Dancing from the Heart is a safe and inclusive dance series for people aged 65+. Scan the QR code to find out more.



Seniors and Sprouts

Seniors and Sprouts brings older community members and kindergarten kids together for shared learning and connection. To find out more scan the QR code.



U3A (University of the 3rd Age)

U3A offers a range of activities such as exercise classes, excursions and lectures. Most classes and social activities are free for members. Find out more by scanning the QR code.



Ethnic Seniors Clubs

There's a diverse range of groups for people of different backgrounds and interests hosting activities every day of the week. Find out more about the diverse range of community groups by scanning the QR code.





Support at Home Programs and Activities

Council offers a range of activities as part of the Commonwealth Home Support Package. Learn more by scanning the QR code.



Companion Animal Support Program

Need help walking your dog or want to volunteer as a dog walker? Find out more about the Companion Animal Support Program by scanning the QR code.



LGBTQIA+ elders

The Bent Twigs Alliance is an LGBTQIA+ elders social group that meets fortnightly in Collingwood. To find out more scan the QR code.



Our libraries (see page 7), neighbourhood houses (see page 8) and leisure centres (see page 10) all have a range of activities and programs specifically for older people.

Activities and programs for people with a disability

Across Yarra there are a range of services and activities for people with a disability.

Activities range from community lunch, gardening, sports, storytime, gaming and much more.

To find out more about community supports, services and fun activities scan the QR code.



Need some extra support?

North Richmond Community Health

North Richmond Community Health offers GP services, dental and a range of other health services. To find out more scan the QR code, call **9418 9800** or **9418 9873** for oral health.



cohealth

cohealth offers a range of health services and support. To find out more call **9448 5528** or scan the QR code.



Access Health

Access Health offers a broad range of health services, including urgent care, mental health and ageing and social support. To find out more call **9810 3000**.



Confidential alcohol, drug information and advice

For information, counselling and referral for alcohol and drug issues (including syringe programs), call DirectLine on 1800 888 236 (available 24 hours).

Mental health support

St Vincents Mental Health Emergency is available 24 hours, 7 days a week. Phone: **1300 558 862**.

If you are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping, **Lifeline** offers free and confidential one-to-one crisis support. Their trained crisis supporters are available to listen without judgement 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via phone **13 11 14**.

If you or someone is in danger call **000**.

Neighbourhood Justice Centre

The Neighbourhood Justice Centre offers support for people experiencing homelessness, people in economic stress, with mental with mental health problems, people interacting with legal system and victim survivors of family violence.

To find out more, scan the QR code, call **9087 5739** or email **njc@justice.vic.gov.au**



St Mary's House of Welcome

St Mary's House of Welcome offers support for people experiencing homelessness, including breakfast, lunch, showers and emergency assistance. To find out more, scan the QR code, call **9417 6497** or email **operations@smhow.org.au**



Food relief

There are many food relief providers in the City of Yarra. Find out more by scanning the QR code.





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Customer service centres

Richmond Town Hall
333 Bridge Road, Richmond

Collingwood Town Hall
140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford